

February 18, 2017

To: Senator Catherine Osten
Senator Paul Formica
Representative Toni Walker
Co-Chairs of the Appropriations Committee

Dear Co-Chairs,

I am writing as the mother of two children who have attended Educational Center for the Arts in addition to their sending public High Schools. My son is now a junior in college, studying both acting and psychology, while my daughter is a high school senior, planning to focus on both technical theatre and pre-veterinary medicine in college.

Educational Center for the Arts (ECA) is a special place, which provides students with a strong interest in the arts with a place to concentrate on these studies and to become young artists. It has a superb faculty that my daughter describes as “the best people in the world.” Everyone at ECA treats the students as mature and responsible people, a role to which they rise. It not only provides an artistic focus for students, but also leads them to take their studies at their sending schools seriously, enhancing their academic learning. It promotes good citizenship and concern for fellow students and humanity. ECA has been providing this opportunity to students for decades and is unique in bringing together over 300 students from approximately 25 townships, allowing them to share and grow together.

Please continue to fully fund this unique educational institution so that future generations of students will have the same opportunity to broaden their lives.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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